

TRANSCRIPT— PAUL & DONNA TATE

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Abstract: Paul and Donna Tate discuss their family history and memories of Fairview for the Fairview Community History Project.

RE: Okay, well, here we go. Today is September the 27th. This is Ruth Ehrlich and Sandra Jackson here at, with Donna and Paul Tate to do a history, an oral history for the Fairview History Project. So we're going to get started. That's all we needed to do there. So if you would, Donna, let's start by, if you'll tell me your date of birth.

DT: November the 24th, 1960.

RE: And where were you born?

DT: I was born in Asheville.

RE: At?

DT: Memorial Mission Hospital.

RE: Has it always been Memorial Mission?

DT: It was for a long time.

RE: Huh?

DT: And then it just went to Mission Hospital.

RE: First time I've heard anybody say Memorial Missions, so I had to ask.

DT: But that's what's on my birth certificate.

RE: And Paul is your spouse?

DT: Right.

RE: How long you guys been married?

DT: 36 years.

RE: Wow. Cool. Have children?

DT: We have two daughters.

RE: If you will tell me their names and their years of birth.

DT: Jessica Tate. And her date of birth is March 17th, 1987.

RE: Okay.

DT: And then Jamie Elizabeth Tate. I can tell you Jessica's middle name.

RE: That's what I say. It sounds like Jamie Elizabeth gets called Jamie Elizabeth a lot. Does she? And when was Jamie Elizabeth born?

DT: January the 23rd, 1990.

RE: Okay. Now where'd you go to school, Donna?

DT: Like for high school or? I went to Oakley. Well, I started off in Biltmore Elementary, which that goes back a few years too.

RE: That's cool. And then-

DT: ... I went to Oakley Elementary.

RE: How long were you at Biltmore?

DT: First and second grade.

RE: And then you did Oakley from the third on.

DT: 'Til the eighth grade.

RE: Why'd you leave Biltmore and go to Oakley?

DT: We moved.

RE: Okay. Oh, I'm using the nursing term. Okay, cool. Did you go beyond that? Where'd you go to school?

DT: A. C. Reynolds.

RE: A. C. Reynolds. Graduated, huh?

DT: Mm-hmm.

RE: Now I lived up the hill from A. C. Reynolds.

DT: Okay.

SJ: Across the street.

RE: I'm almost in this neck of the woods.

SJ: But she calls it Fairview.

DT: Oh.

RE: I do not. You remind me. I don't live in Fairview. Okay.

DT: Yeah. Quite a few people older remind you. You're in Reynolds District.

PT: It used to be unlabeled, just sort of no-man's-land.

SJ: Gashes Creek, whenever my great grandparents were around.

RE: Yeah. And you graduated from A. C. Reynolds?

DT: I did.

RE: Did you go on beyond that?

DT: I went to AB Tech or that's what we called AB Tech and got my associates degree in Medical Lab Technician. That's it.

RE: And then what did you do with that Medical Lab Technician?

DT: I worked for St. Joseph's Urgent Care for 13 and a half years.

RE: Wow.

DT: Then after that we had children. So, I was kind of like, did little different things and I can't remember all of them. But one of the things I did do when they were in school, I worked as a teacher assistant and drove a school bus at Fairview Elementary for five years. That's one of those things. Been there, done that. Don't want to do it again.

RE: A teacher's assistant and drove a school bus at where?

DT: Fairview Elementary.

RE: Wow. Is that the Fairview down the road?

DT: Yes.

RE: I bet you saw a lot then.

DT: Oh, yes.

RE: Did you go back to being a med tech?

DT: I did. I went back, and I worked at Asheville Internal Medicine.

RE: For how long?

DT: I did that. Oh. I worked part-time PRN just over... I don't know how long would you say I did that? Six or seven years. Just kind of in and out.

RE: Wow.

DT: And then I went to work at, it's Blue Ridge Family Practice, but it was for Dr. Marnoch. He was in practice by himself. Let's see. I did that for seven years.

RE: Did you work beyond that, or did you retire?

DT: I retired.

RE: Woo-hoo! When did you retire?

DT: 2017.

RE: Isn't it a wonderful state.

DT: It is.

SJ: You stay busier than when you work.

DT: Yeah. I wonder how I get everything done. It's like, how did I do this and work?

SJ: That's what I'm wondering.

RE: I think we all do that.

DT: I'll leave a lot of stuff undone that I didn't before.

RE: I think all of us do that. Okay, Paul, it's your turn.

PT: Okay.

RE: We're going to do the same thing. So, your date of birth, please.

PT: February the 10th, 1951.

RE: You're having to think about that. And where were you born, Paul?

PT: Well, it's Mountain Sanatorium in Fletcher

RE: Mountain Sanatorium in Fletcher.

PT: Later become Park Ridge and--

RE: Oh, okay.

PT: --Fletcher Hospital. Advent health now.

DT: It's been everything, hasn't it?

RE: Yeah. Same building. Just different birth, huh? And we know Donna is your spouse. And I'll bet you've been married 36 years too, right?

PT: Correct.

RE: Isn't that a good guess? Children? Same. Okay. See Donna, how about that? How about education for you, Paul? Where'd you go to school?

PT: Dropped out of high school.

DT: Well, you went to Fairview first.

PT: Oh, okay. I did go to Fairview for eight years.

RE: Okay. Where else?

PT: I went to Reynolds until I was 16. Dropped out for about a year and a half and then went back.

RE: Oh, you went back. How was that?

PT: It was different because I was more interested in learning something.

RE: And what prompted you to go back?

PT: I figured out I could never get a good job without education.

DT: You had to work too hard. I was like you had to work very hard that year and a half.

PT: Yeah, I was a laborer during that period of time I was out of school. It was hard work.

RE: I bet.

DT: Oh, one thing I did forget on my part is the year after I graduated from high school, I worked for CP Clare for a year, for 11 months and decided that wasn't what I wanted to do. Also, that's why I went to AB Tech.

SJ: I can believe that.

DT: You went there too.

SJ: I did, too.

DT: Did you? Oh, I wasn't sure what I wanted to do, so

RE: That helped you make your decision, huh?

DT: It sure did.

RE: Okay. So, you went back to high school. After you finished school, what'd you do?

PT: Well, I graduated in 1970 and while I was going to school; I worked part time at CP Clare.

RE: CP Clare is the--

DT: --factory.

RE: The factory. What do they do?

PT: Yes. It's had numerous names, also.

DT: What is the name of it now?

SJ: I don't know.

RE: What did they do? That's for more of my edification.

DT: They did relays.

SJ: Switches.

DT: Switches.

RE: Some kind of electronic thing.

PT: Yeah.

DT: Yeah, Electronic things.

RE: So, while you were in school, you worked at CP Clare?

PT: Yeah. Until they had a layoff. I worked there about 14 months.

RE: Wow, okay.

PT: And after high school I went to AB Tech; took mechanical engineering technology.

RE: Very good. Was that to your liking?

PT: Yeah.

RE: Far better than being a laborer, wasn't it?

PT: I was hoping so.

RE: So then, what did you do?

PT: Well, while I was at AB Tech, I did work at Arbor Acres Egg Hatchery.

RE: You worked at where?

PT: Arbor Acres. That's in Fairview.

RE: Arbor Acres.

DT: Is that like Smith Farm now?

PT: Yeah.

RE: Arbor Acres. What'd you call it?

SJ: An egg factory.

PT: Egg hatchery.

RE: Egg hatchery.

PT: And I also peer tutored at AB Tech.

RE: Oh, cool. Listen to you.

PT: But both of those jobs, I didn't get in that many hours. Graduated AB Tech in '72 and I looked for a job for almost a year.

RE: Wow.

PT: Before I found one.

RE: And what'd you find a job doing?

PT: I started working for Carolina Power & Light Company.

SJ: That's when he worked with Daddy.

RE: Oh, okay. How long you were with them; with Carolina Power?

PT: Well, later they become Progress Energy and later on they were become part of Duke Energy, Duke Energy Progress. And I had almost 40 years in.

RE: Oh, my gracious.

PT: 39.7.

RE: We'll do approximately 40 years. That's close.

DT: Yeah. That's good.

RE: Wow.

DT: Because you did go back and work as a contract person.

PT: Yeah. I retired at the end of 2012 and did go back and work as a contractor at the same location. Worked for about a year and a half.

RE: Wow.

PT: There was a short gap in between.

RE: And then did you retire for once and for all?

PT: Yes.

RE: And do you find retirement is satisfying?

PT: Yes.

RE: I love it. I love it. Okay. Thank you all for that. That's great. Now if they can read my writing, especially the nursing hieroglyphics. So, who wants to start? How did y'all come to be in Fairview?

SJ: Ask how they met too and stuff.

RE: Yeah, we'll ask that too.

DT: Oh, yeah.

RE: But who was in Fairview? Family was in Fairview.

DT: Paul's family is from here.

PT: I've lived here at this location all my life.

DT: Somewhere on this property.

RE: Really?

DT: ()

RE: So, this is Fairview even though it has the Fletcher address?

DT: Yes.

PT: Yes.

RE: So, was your family here?

PT: Yes.

RE: Okay. So, what did your mom and dad do? Like was this fairly agricultural or what was it when you were growing up?

PT: Well, the property probably come through my grandmother and she and her sister were born on this property.

RE: Is this your dad's parents or your mama's parents?

PT: It would be my grandmother's parents.

RE: Oh, wow. Do you remember--

DT: On your dad's side of the family.

PT: Yeah, excuse me. On my dad's side of the family.

RE: Your dad's side of the family. Do you remember their names?

PT: Yes. My grandmother was America Cobble, and her sister was Elizabeth or Becky. And we called her Aunt Becky. And my grandmother lived for only a short period of time compared to her sister. Her sister, Becky lived to be 102.

RE: I like Becky.

PT: And she was definitely a Fairview resident all her life, too. She lived over on Brush Creek. My grandmother, America, I'd have to look up her age that she died at. But her children were probably as young as two when she died.

RE: Oh, wow.

PT: And there was several children. What was it about?

DT: I don't know, just keep talking.

PT: I guess there was seven. She had seven children in all. One of them died as an infant and we think her name may have been Myrtle, but we're not sure. There was also one of the brothers died at a fairly young age. He drowned in a...

DT: Quarry.

PT: Quarry, yeah. And then five... After my grandmother died, my grandfather had a nervous breakdown and couldn't handle it.

RE: What was your granddad's name?

PT: William Ernest Tate. He had several sisters, five or six sisters. And he was the only boy. But he divided the children out among his sisters. And they went to different families, basically one with each one, and...

DT: She would've been 40. I had to do the math.

PT: Yeah, apparently my grandmother died when she was about 40.

RE: Wow.

PT: Yeah. But I could round all that information up as to which child went where and all. But some of them stayed in Fairview and some of them went to Asheville and other locations. My dad, he went with one of the sisters that had married to a Mitchell.

RE: And what was your dad's name?

PT: John.

RE: John.

PT: John William Tate.

SJ: You're on John Tate Drive.

PT: Yeah. Well, we live on John Tate Drive and the neighbors decided to name it after him after everybody needed 911 info, the neighbors decided to name the road after him. My dad lived with the Mitchells until he was older, and I think he may have come back home and spent some time with his dad and all before he went to Virginia to do some

work. And all during the war. He had a lot of education, but his health was such that he was never able to get a good job. One of his best jobs was probably at the shipyard in Virginia during the war. But when that ended--

RE: World War...

PT: One. I mean, two. Excuse me.

RE: World War II. Okay.

PT: Yeah, I'm not exactly sure when my dad and mother got married. I think it was somewhere around '45 or somewhere in that neighborhood.

RE: So, he eventually came back to this neck of the woods?

PT: Yeah. And he worked in construction as a helper. Pretty much all his life. He retired early on disability because of his heart condition.

RE: And what is your mom's name?

PT: Lois.

RE: Lois.

PT: It's spelled L-O-I-S. But it's also in some of the documents spelled L-O-L-I-S. For legal purposes, she goes by L-O-I-S.

RE: Huh. Okay. So, were they married when they lived here, or did they get married here, or they get married elsewhere? Do you know?

PT: Well, they went to South Carolina, got married because I guess that was the simplest thing. A lot of people did that. They went to Greenville, South Carolina.

SJ: Mine went to Georgia.

DT: Must have been complicated or something here.

PT: But they lived in the old home place here. There's still an old fireplace, even chimney that's still standing here. And we've got some pictures of it.

DT: Not the best. We have better ones, but I could not find them.

RE: Oh.

PT: But lived in that old house, I guess the first six years of my life. But it had...

DT: How did they meet? I think that's what she was asking earlier. How'd your parents meet? Do you know?

PT: I guess basically a friend of a friend. My mother's sister's husband and her knew my dad and introduced them I think.

RE: So, you lived here the first six years or lived in the old house; you said the first six years?

PT: Yeah, all on this property and that old house; it didn't even have electricity. Moved out of it into a house that was also on the property. And we lived there until we moved into the brick house.

DT: That he built.

RE: Now, did you have brothers and sisters, Paul?

PT: Yeah.

RE: How many brothers and sisters did you have?

PT: Had an older brother who was named after my dad, John William, Junior. And had a younger brother, Mark. And my youngest brother's Joe, Marion Joseph. But he goes by Joe most of the time.

RE: All boys.

PT: All boys. Rough on my mother.

RE: Wow. So, what'd you kids do when you were growing up?

PT: I played with a lot of sticks and rocks and stuff like that. And we had a lot of trails in the woods and stuff like that.

RE: Did your family farm or garden this area?

PT: My dad and mother both grew large gardens you know. Earlier the Cobble family and the Tate family too. They were pretty self-sufficient. I mean, they grew corn and wheat and had cattle and stuff like that. They had fruit trees all over the property and including peach trees and pear, apple. A lot of kind of different trees. They were pretty much self-sufficient, I would assume, based on what everybody said.

RE: Do you know how much acreage they owned?

PT: If we go back to the two sisters, my grandmother inherited one tract that was approximately 30 acres. I guess they said 30 more or less. And it was more probably closer to 28 acres when it was finally divided up. The other sister, Elizabeth, she owned 40 acres and all that property was together, but they divided up somehow based on that. The 40 acres was later, when Elizabeth got married, she sold it. Sold the property and it went through a couple of different families. I think Canbys may have owned it. And then later on the Plemmons; Plemmons owned it and I remember them and they lived up there for several years.

RE: So you had pretty good area to play in the woods.

PT: Yeah.

RE: And to pick up sticks?

PT: Yeah. Yeah.

RE: Did y'all do any farming? You said your parents had gardens. Did you have other farm animals?

PT: We had a few, but not many. I mean, we had goats at one time and we had hogs at one time.

DT: Chickens.

PT: Yeah, we had chickens.

RE: Did you slaughter any hogs?

PT: I can remember slaughtering hogs. I would've probably been about five or six. I can just barely remember it. Where this property where we're at right now, and the brick house was real close to a barn. There's a barn right in this area and it was a pretty good size barn. So, over the years, they've had horses and cattle at different times. Only, I don't know if they slaughtered anything else. I'm sure they did. I can remember my dad would kill chickens and my mom would fix them from the--

DT: Rabbits and squirrels.

PT: Yeah.

RE: Yeah.

PT: My dad did.

SJ: I remember eating that.

PT: My dad did set rabbit boxes and catch a lot of rabbits in the wintertime and there would be some years that we would get so many rabbits that we would have rabbit for breakfast.

RE: Oh, really?

PT: Yeah.

RE: And how was it served? Rabbit for breakfast?

PT: Well, my mom would boil the rabbits and then pan fry it.

RE: How about that?

PT: Yeah, it was very good. And my favorite part of it was the liver and she would fry that up. And the rabbit liver is very good. It has a distinct flavor.

RE: Better than chicken liver?

PT: It is much better than chicken liver. And a rabbit does have a very large liver.

RE: Really? How about that? Did you have to fight with your brothers over that rabbit liver?

PT: Sometimes.

DT: I bet you didn't with Joe. He was a picky eater.

RE: So, you were running around on the property here. How did you meet Donna?

SJ: Well, pop in with it then.

RE: Oh, let's hear his version.

SJ: Okay, and then we'll hear hers.

PT: Okay. Well, there was a time when we didn't have a washing machine or whatever and we would go to Oakley laundromat to do our laundry. And I met Donna there because her mom worked there.

DT: We met at the laundromat. I went in to see her, see my mom while she was at work and he was there and my mom never met a stranger. She talked to everybody. So, she'd been talking to him and I don't know what the conversation was, but I do know that when she came home she said, "You'll be getting a call from that guy that was standing there that I was talking to when you came in." I was like, oh-kay. So, he called, we went out and...

RE: Rest is history.

DT: The rest is history.

RE: How long did y'all date before you got married?

DT: About three and a half years because I was in school and I was going to AB Tech and he said, "You need to get through school first," because he's right, I'd quit.

RE: He's a smart man.

DT: So, I worked a year, a little over a year and after I graduated and then we got married.

RE: So, when you were growing up here, Paul, were you guys involved, your family involved in any community activities in church or any things going on in the community?

PT: Mostly church activities.

RE: Where'd you go to church?

PT: Emma's Grove Baptist Church. Neither my mother nor my dad drove, so there was a lot of times that we would walk to Emma's Grove Church and now my uncle lived with us at different times and my brother, older brother had a vehicle later on and he would drive and my uncle would drive. But my dad nor mom, neither one ever drove.

RE: How'd you learn to drive?

PT: Driver's ed.

RE: Driver's ed. Good deal. Was there anything special about Emma's Grove in terms of the church?

PT: No. My dad had always went there, and he was a Sunday school teacher and Deacon. And he was janitor there for a while, caretaker of the cemetery. And he had several different titles while he was there.

RE: You guys still go to Emma's Grove?

PT: No, we left about 25 years ago or so.

RE: And where'd you go?

PT: Covenant Community United Methodist.

RE: Okie-doke. Let's see what else we can find out about you. Huh? What else do you remember? Do you remember any kind of weather events, like somebody talks about a flood? Has there been any fires or anything like that around in this area? Have you ever had any? Were you ever impacted any of those weather events or anything?

PT: I remember growing up there was a fire that was back, if looking, I guess south of here it would be on the property that Janet Peterson owns now.

SJ: I know where that is.

PT: I think the Stewarts may have owned it then, or I'm not exactly sure who owned it at that time. A fire got out, and it was a pretty big event. A lot of damaged trees and stuff.

DT: What about the flood?

PT: Well also, while I'm thinking about it, I did work for Mr. Peterson and part of while I was out of school, I did work for him some. And there was some of the trees on his property that showed signs of where the fire had affected it. And that was probably 10 or 12 years prior to that.

RE: Did the fire impact your all's property, your family's property?

PT: No. Over the years, there's been several floods that the water would actually come up close to Gap Creek Road. And at one time they were the TVA and federal government was looking at putting in some flood control dams and if they'd have constructed some of what they were looking at, the water would've probably come up to about Gap Creek Road. The biggest flood that I remember was in 1973. And I had only worked for Carolina Power line Company at that time for a little over a month. And it was Memorial Day weekend. And luckily that Monday when the flood had happened on Sunday night and Monday morning it was Memorial Day, so it was a holiday and I didn't have to go to work, but I would've had trouble getting to work. I probably could not have got to work because it washed out bridges in both directions.

RE: Wow.

PT: Washed out culverts on Cane Creek.

RE: Well, so was that repaired so that you could go to work pretty quickly?

PT: Yeah, I was able to go to work on Tuesday. The water left quickly. It was pretty much a flash flood, but there was a lot of damage in this area. Some houses were actually moved off their foundation and...

RE: Wow.

SJ: Somebody died, too.

PT: Yeah, I don't remember them, but I'm not surprised.

RE: When you were growing up in here, did you have a lot of neighbors or were they fairly remote?

PT: Not a lot of neighbors. Like, on this driveway, right now there's probably fourteen houses or so on this driveway. At that time, there was only three houses on the whole driveway.

RE: Where'd you all do your shopping?

PT: When I was growing up, I don't know, until high school or whatever, we shopped at Harrington's Amoco Station.

DT: Where was that at?

PT: It was up on Charlotte Highway.

DT: About... Is that where Fairview Downs is?

PT: Yeah.

RE: Is that where you got your groceries?

PT: Yeah.

RE: There. How about that?

PT: Yeah.

RE: Okay.

PT: There wasn't a whole lot to choose from without going to Asheville or whatever.

RE: And that would've been tough if y'all didn't have a vehicle, wouldn't it?

PT: Yeah, there was a lot of times that my dad would walk to the store and the store owner would bring him back with the groceries. At that time, my mother did can a lot, and we bought a lot of apples in the fall. But we would still go to the store, usually once a week, and buy supplies and stuff.

RE: When you look back on your time being raised here, what stands out as one of your fondest memories?

PT: Well, just living in the area and the fact that it was wilderness or whatever. At that time, Fairview was not really developed at all. There was a lot of tobacco fields and cattle and stuff like that in the area. It only started changing in Fairview when the Beaucatcher Mountain Open Cut took place. And it seemed like, at that time, Fairview started growing at that point and then later on as they added lanes to the 74-A, and it kept growing.

RE: When you look back, is there something that makes you sad about that?

PT: I guess, I know people who live in Fairview still complain about the fact that newcomers are moving in and then I asked them when did they move in? Well, that's the way we felt when you moved in.

RE: I was going to ask.

PT: Because it was definitely a lot more rural and country than it is later on.

RE: Is it hard for you to see the changes that are going on in Fairview?

PT: No, not really. Because I mean, once it started changing, I said there's no stopping it. So, I'm just saying, you have to live with it because it ain't going to stop.

RE: And when did the clear cutting happen in Beaucatcher Mountain? When was that? Do you remember?

PT: Well, Beaucatcher Mountain was in the seventies.

SJ: Seventies I'd say.

PT: Yeah. Somewhere around the seventies. Yeah.

DT: Seventies. Early eighties, I don't know.

PT: Early seventies, I guess.

RE: Yeah.

SJ: 'Cause I can speak up and say one thing. I know when I'd go to work in the sixties, the smog started past the tunnel. Nowadays you can go down 74-A and see it starting at Mine Hole Gap, which it didn't.

RE: How about that? How about that? Yeah. Okay.

DT: He has an interesting story about his great-grandfather.

PT: Yeah.

DT: If you want to-

RE: ... Share it.

DT: Go back that far.

RE: Sure. Share it. Look how organized she is.

SJ: I see that.

PT: Well, Bruce Whitaker published this in the Fairview Town Crier, but I'd heard my uncle and his name was Earl. And like I said, he lived with us off and on over the years. But he talked about his grandad, who would've been...

DT: It was John Thomas.

PT: Is it John Thomas?

DT: Yeah. Well, they called him Thomas. He went by Thomas.

PT: And I think he went by Tom. According to Bruce Whitaker, it says he was famous for being double-jointed, which...

DT: How would anybody know that?

PT: Which, I guess, allowed him to do some stuff. But he was working on digging a well, helping on digging a well. And apparently a rock was dropped or fell in or something and killed him. And then he was buried and then dug up by grave robbers. And according to what Bruce said is that the family believed that Dr. Ben Ashwood was involved in

stealing his body to maybe sell to John Hopkins University. My uncle never did talk much about that, but he did talk about him being buried twice because he was dug up and the fact that he died digging a grave in that accident or whatever. I don't know how much suspicion there was as to how it happened and all. That's hard to say.

DT: Not sure where Bruce got his information, but it does go with what his uncle Earl had written. He would write a lot of history and he wrote that story out. He didn't have as much detail, but he did talk about him digging the well and getting the rock dropped on his head and that the doctors wanted the body for experimental purposes. So, they had him dug up, but they got caught, so. So, it was two different people were telling the story and I don't think they knew each other, so

RE: How about that? So, there's some credibility there.

DT: I think so.

PT: I guess that would be my great-grandfather.

DT: Yeah, you're great grandfather.

RE: Wow.

SJ: Are you double-jointed?

PT: No.

SJ: I don't want to be dug up because I'm double-jointed.

DT: No, that sounds like a really strange reason. But for some reason they wanted him.

RE: Yeah.

PT: We have some family archives that my uncle had worked up. He was probably a better historian than I ever will be, but he kept up with a lot of different stuff that he's documented.

RE: And this is the uncle that lived with you and your family, in and out.

PT: Yeah.

RE: How about that? That's Uncle Earl? Is him?

PT: Yeah.

RE: How about that? Do you have any other memories of him?

PT: Well, since he was our driver, a lot of times he would take us to different places that we need to go visit family and all. He became sort of like an extended family member because when we went to visit other family members; he was usually with us and all, on both sides of the family.

RE: Now, what would bring Uncle Earl into your home for a while and then out? What was going on in his life that he'd come and go?

PT: Well, he stayed some with his cousins the Owenbys at different times. He did stay a little bit with one of his other brothers than my dad. And then he spent some time living with one of his aunts that lived in Asheville.

RE: Did he have an anchor, or was he just going from pillar to post?

PT: He...

DT: He didn't. He was single. He didn't have to.

PT: Yeah.

DT: He just could do what he needed to do when he wanted to do it.

PT: And he had some health issues also. From a young age, he had osteomyelitis, I think is what it's called. He had several operations over the years and...

DT: He was an artist. He did a lot of pictures.

PT: He was a very good artist. He could play guitar.

DT: And he used to take you to Spivey's Fishing Lake.

PT: Yeah, he worked at Spivey's Fishing Lake and I would go up there and spend a lot of time up there.

RE: And where's Spivey's Fishing Lake?

PT: It's on Old Fort Road.

RE: Oh, okay. Okay. Still going on, isn't it?

DT: Yeah.

RE: The fishing lake still going on?

DT: Yeah. Is it still called Spivey's or something else?

SJ: I don't know. I haven't paid any attention.

DT: I just haven't been there long.

SJ: If it's changed, it's Spivey's to me.

RE: Were there restaurants around in terms of going out to eat? Or did you all just eat at home all the time?

DT: Probably not.

PT: There was not a lot. What's the Log Cabin called?

DT: Angelo's.

PT: Before Angelo's had to... Before it was Angelo's, I think it was Fairview Restaurant and we didn't go out to eat much and sometimes it would only be going to a McDonald's or something like that.

RE: Yeah, there was a time that there wasn't much around, but McDonald's were there?

PT: Yeah. Now my Uncle Earl liked to, when it was Sunday he'd go out and get a half gallon of ice cream and some bananas and we'd live it up with banana splits on Sunday.

RE: Yeah, that was a treat, wasn't it?

PT: Yeah. It was.

RE: Yeah. Wow. That was a real treat. Yeah.

PT: And to have a soft drink was quite a...

DT: That was a treat.

PT: Big occasion.

RE: Yeah. Yeah. Things were different back in those days, weren't they?

PT: Yeah.

RE: When we think about, like I've got a note here about stonework and businesses in the quarry. Did you have any impact or feel any impact of that stuff? The quarries around of the or the... What's that thing you called all the time? Monument Place.

SJ: That wasn't there then.

RE: Oh, wasn't it?

SJ: Martin's Monuments?

PT: No.

RE: Okay, cool. Okay, cool. You think of anything else you want to tell us?

PT: Pretty much, I've concentrated on the Tate side of it.

RE: You want to tell something about your mama's side? What was her maiden name? Your momma?

PT: Reese.

RE: Reese. R-E-E...

PT: S-E? Yeah.

RE: S-E?

PT: Yeah.

RE: Okay. You got any stories to tell about your mama's side?

PT: Well, I spent a lot of time with my cousins and all, too, on that side of the family. Probably spent more time with them than I did the cousins on the Tate side. There was, I don't know, fifteen or so cousins. And we spent a lot of time visiting family.

DT: Where'd they live?

PT: Pretty much in the Fairview area. My grandparents on my mother's side lived over on Webb's Creek. There's still a house over there that they actually built for themselves, and that's still there. That one of the children still lives there.

RE: So, your roots in Fairview run deep?

PT: Yeah. I think they probably moved to the Fairview area somewhere around '42, '43, something like that. Prior to that, they lived in Madison County, Yancey County.

RE: But you yourself have always lived here.

PT: Yes.

RE: Never been tempted to move away?

PT: No.

RE: Never served in the Army or the armed forces? Never had a job that took you away?

PT: No. I mean, some of my jobs with Carolina Power & Light Company required me to work at another plant for a while, but.

RE: But you've never left?

PT: No. Only four weeks at the most.

RE: Have your brothers stayed in this area?

PT: My older brother, he traveled quite a bit in Kentucky and Tennessee. He was a lumber grader.

DT: In South Carolina, too.

PT: Yeah, he worked some in South Carolina. And when he died a few years ago, he was living in Polk County. So, he pretty much moved around quite a bit over his life. Lived in Fairview probably total of 20 to 25 years at different times because he would come and go. Lived in Oakley for a while. He had a job out that way.

RE: That's amazing. It's amazing.

SJ: He said his one brother's house was right here.

RE: Yeah. So, did you have a lot of extended family? I mean, I don't want to say when I grew up, but my family was all just on the hill. Was your family all close?

PT: No.

RE: No?

PT: No. At one time when my mother and dad were first married, they lived fairly close to her older sister and her husband and Jim and Mamie Jones. And they lived here on the property or lived on the mountain up here for a few years. That was way before I was born. But my mom told me about that.

RE: All right. You think of anything else we need to ask Paul?

SJ: No, but he can pop in when Donna starts doing hers.

RE: Yes, exactly because I'm impressed that Donna's got all of this. You are the most organized people we've seen with-

DT: ... Really? I feel like I'm not.

RE: No.

DT: Because I've just dabbled...

SJ: I think Bud Sales was the next. You and Bud have had the most stuff.

DT: I've barely dabbled in gathering information.

PT: You want something else to drink? Sure?

DT: So, I feel like I could have done a lot more.

RE: So, Donna, tell us when you entered this picture and how you came to Fairview.

DT: How I came to Fairview. Well, I came to Fairview because of him.

RE: He wasn't going to move, huh?

DT: He was not moving.

RE: And you came from where?

DT: I was in Oakley.

RE: Oakley.

DT: Which is part of Asheville. Like I said, we met at the laundromat. We got married. He had built the brick house for his family because the houses that they had lived in they were older. There was electricity but not water in that house?

PT: No.

DT: The house that they were living in when I met him.

RE: And you met Paul when?

DT: 1980. We met in 1980. And so, they were still struggling as far as their house was concerned. So, when he got his job with Progress Energy, he was building this house up here and it was for his parents. And he had an apartment downstairs. Well, once we got married, that's where we lived. And his dad had already passed away. He did get to live in the house for six months before he passed away. And so, his mom, his uncle and two of his brothers were living upstairs, so.

RE: So y'all weren't living close? Y'all were living together.

DT: Everybody was like, I can't believe you're doing that to start off being married. I was like, well, it's for better or worse. I knew it was a commitment. That was one of our strongest things was family and being committed to our families and stuff. And so, it was never a problem for me.

RE: That's great.

DT: So, we've just always lived there.

SJ: Until you moved upstairs and Lois moved downstairs.

DT: Right. When the brothers started marrying off and the uncle passed away and our family was growing. There was more room upstairs than down. So, we switched. She moved downstairs, and we moved upstairs.

RE: And she's still there today.

DT: And she's still there.

RE: And how old is mom today?

PT: She'll be 93 next month.

RE: Wow, that's wonderful.

PT: Still in good health. She's able to get out.

RE: What a blessing.

PT: She's probably out raking right now. Doing something crazy like that.

DT: Yep. She's always been a gardener. She's very good with flowers. Keeps things going.

RE: So, you raised your family here?

DT: Yes.

RE: Your girls?

DT: Yes.

RE: Talk to us about that.

DT: Our oldest was born when we were still downstairs and then we switched and then we had the youngest one when we moved upstairs. So, she had to endure two young children running around, being little kids while she was downstairs. So, they went to Fairview Elementary and then they were very involved with a lot of activities, sports, clubs, all of that. So, it was like the soccer mom, the whatever else they were in. And then they went to Reynolds, graduated the oldest one, went to UNC Wilmington. She went to AB Tech and then transferred there. And then Jamie, she went to AB Tech and Haywood Tech. And throughout that whole time I'm like, their support and I'm doing whatever, taking them where they need to go, making sure they had what they needed. That kind of thing.

RE: And what are you girls doing now?

DT: Well, Jamie's a pharmacy tech. She's the youngest. And then Jessica, she has some health issues she may have taken after her great great grandfather. She has a thing called Ehlers-Danlos where you have hypermobility in your joints, which we just realized that not long ago about this article and causes her to not be able to do a lot of physical stuff.

RE: How about that?

DT: So, it's kind of hard for her to do some of the... She went for environmental studies and she's not able to do that. But she does pet sitting, which she loves. So, she's able to walk the dogs, but then she plays with them. She can sit and play with them, feed them, whatever. So

RE: Is she local too?

DT: She lives in Tennessee.

RE: Where?

DT: Lenoir City, which is little bit-

SJ: ... Near you?

DT: Is that near you?

RE: No, but I lived in Sweetwater, so Lenoir City's just a stone's throw.

DT: Oh, yeah. She lives there and Jamie lives here, so.

RE: Right. Tell us, I'm very curious, Donna, about these folders and these documents you have here. Talk to us a little bit about what those are all about.

DT: Well, I had to kind of divide it up because my family came from Fairview, like the Whitakers.

RE: Okay.

DT: And the Owenby, and--

RE: Tell us about that.

DT: My grandfather, well, it's my great-grandfather, Ben Owenby. And there's a road named after him.

SJ: I didn't know that was named after your family.

DT: Yeah, it's my great-grandpa. I actually have a picture of his barn. But he was a farmer. He was into cattle. He would take things to the stock yard down on the river. That was one of my earliest memories of the family. Talking about grandpa going down to the stock yard. And he'd do that probably every Saturday. He would load up a trailer or whatever and take it down to his stockyard and sell his cattle. So there was an article in one of the... I guess it was Asheville Citizen Times of him. He had grown these huge Irish potatoes, like two-pound potatoes. And he was in the paper for that. So, on Sundays we would, because we lived in Asheville, we would drive out to Fairview to go to his house and have Sunday dinner and his wife would cook. Then later when she got sick and wasn't able to, his daughter would cook and we would come out and have fried chicken and biscuits and cornbread and beans and whatever else. And it seemed like such a long drive out here to go out to their house and-

RE: And you were living where at the time?

DT: In Oakley.

RE: You were living in Oakley, and you were making that long drive to Fairview.

DT: Long drive. It seemed to me it was because I was really young. I was like, when are we going to be there? Now, it's just nothing to go to Asheville. And then, let's see, what else?

SJ: Are you kin to the Owenbys that have the house up on... I mean, the blueberries up on top of Ben Owenby Road and they've got the... I can't say the name of the company now, where they've made the jellies and all that.

DT: Oh, yeah. I'm not sure. Because a lot of the family kind of... Well, after my great-grandfather passed away and his daughter did too, they kind of split up and they went to different parts of Fairview. So, some of them could have been still there. I don't know. I'm not really good about keeping up on that part.

RE: So, your family was here in Fairview?

DT: Mm-hmm.

RE: For how long? Who left Fairview? Who left Fairview from your standpoint?

DT: It would've been my grandmother because that was her father Owenby and she married a Whitaker from some of the Whitakers in Fairview and they moved to Asheville.

RE: Okay.

DT: They did...

SJ: So your grandmother married a Whitaker and your... Okay, I got it right.

DT: Yeah.

SJ: I'm thinking Marie, but...

DT: Yeah. Yeah.

SJ: She wasn't a Whitaker.

DT: No, she was...

SJ: That's where I was going. Because I married a Whitaker. I was getting confused.

DT: No, it wasn't like that. Yeah, it would be my grandfather. He worked and lived in Asheville, so they were the one. The Whitakers took my grandma; she left.

RE: So, when you came back to Fairview after you and Paul were married, you were just like coming home. It wasn't like a foreign adjustment to you.

DT: Oh, yeah. No, because we had visited family out here, so I was familiar with the area.

RE: Do you have favorite memories of coming out here and visiting the family other than eating all that wonderful food?

DT: Oh, well, just that. The drive out because it was very rural and was a lot of farms and not a lot of houses. It was a two-lane road, not a five-lane. And he had the old barn out there on the property. My sister and I would go out there and we'd get up in the loft and we'd jump into the hay and stuff that kids did around a barn. And we later thought about the snakes that could have been there, the rats. But we were really young, didn't even realize it. But we were having a good time. We would bring my grandma out and because she didn't drive and she would sit out on the back porch and she'd tell us stories about-

RE: Now who's grandma?

DT: My dad's mom.

RE: What's her name?

DT: Christine Whitaker.

RE: Christine Whitaker.

DT: She was Christine Owenby Whitaker.

RE: So, she'd sit out on the porch.

DT: She'd sit out on the back porch to the home place and tell us stories about living there. Like gardening and how much she'd just point out and she'd say, "we owned all of this. We had all this at one time." And they'd sold off a lot of it because my grandpa was a lot older and she would talk about a panther. Why that stands out in my mind, I don't know, I guess because I didn't know about panthers. I didn't know there was panthers in that area. But she would say that panthers would come around and I don't know if she just was telling that story to scare us or she was good for that, too.

SJ: But too many people back then said there were panthers, regardless of what people say.

DT: Yeah, she seems sincere to me. So, it scared me, but that was my best memory was having that to look forward to on Sunday for us to come. Get in the car, drive out to Fairview, play in the barn, get to eat, spend time with the family.

RE: And where did they live in Fairview? The family you were visiting. Where did they live?

DT: It's Brush Creek area.

RE: Brush Creek. Okay.

DT: Now, the Whitaker side of the family, the home place is on, of course, Whitaker Road. I don't really know a lot about that. I don't have any stories because they had moved away. Our other Whitakers, other parts of the Whitaker family, ended up with that property. But my grandfather, the Whitaker that came from out here, he moved to Asheville and they lived on Charlotte Street for a little while. They lived in several different places. And my memory of him was, he was actually, he'd gotten sick and he wasn't working at the time and he'd sit on the front porch. Now this is in a house on Charlotte Street, which is about where Fuddruckers is.

RE: Okay.

DT: And me and my sister, they were babysitting us. My grandma loved to talk on the phone and we would be terrorizing him because he was just trying to be relaxed. And he'd say, "when your grandma gets off the phone, I'm going to have her give you a whipping." Now he wasn't going to give us one, but he would say he'd threaten us with her. And he would get tired of it after a while and he'd say, "I'm going to the store. What kind of ice cream do you want?" And we would get ice cream. So, it was like a reward.

RE: For misbehaving.

DT: So that's my memory of him, so.

RE: Now you talked about visiting your family here in Fairview and then you got married and came to Fairview. I bet you saw some differences in what your visiting times were versus your coming to live here. Did you not?

DT: Oh, yes.

RE: What kind of differences did you see?

DT: Well, first of all, it had started to really grow. I mean, even though it was still two-lane when I moved out here, like Paul said, when they did the open cut. When we came to visit as a child, there weren't developments. Well, there was a development off of 74. There were more than one. There were several when I moved out here after I got married. So, it was a lot different. The farm life was starting to go away. And that's what I always related to Fairview because all of my family was farmers and that was going away; was very different. And I guess there was a few more businesses, too. I'm trying to think what it would've been when we first got married.

SJ: Mountain Variety.

DT: Yeah. Yeah. They did have that.

RE: Mountain Variety?

SJ: The little hardware store at the top of the mountain.

RE: Is that toward me on the left?

DT: Yeah, past that.

RE: So, what else do you have in the documents here? You said you had your family, and you had Paul's family.

DT: That was Paul's. We pretty much took care of his. And then the Owenby family was just basically about my great-grandfather and his farm. Oh, and here's a picture of him. This was his prize bull. He won the blue ribbon at the state fair in 1920.

SJ: Cool.

RE: That is cool.

DT: And this is the picture. And it turned out kind of orangey looking, but that's him and his potatoes in the paper.

RE: Oh, look at that.

SJ: That's cool, too.

RE: Oh, yeah. Those are great photos.

DT: And this is the barn that we played in.

RE: I see those snakes crawling around.

DT: Yeah, probably some mice, snakes. Yeah, we would jump, we would get up in that loft and there would be hay all around. We'd just jump in it. Carefree. Somebody has a picture of, but I don't have it. I did put out a word that I'd like to get that picture. But he had an old mule. I think this is... Yeah. And that all the pictures of the great grandchildren of us on this somewhere. But this is not it, but.

SJ: You didn't ask her what her parents' names were, though, too. We forgot to ask that.

RE: What were your parents' names?

DT: My dad was Joe or Joseph Theodore. His dad was William Theodore. And he went by Thedie and my mom was Marie Whitaker or she was a Clark. Her family was up on Riceville Road. So, she in this area too.

RE: Too cool. Too cool. What have you seen about changing about Fairview in all those years? Is there something that concerns you about changes that's going on in Fairview?

DT: Well, nobody really, I mean, some people like change, other people don't. If you don't like change, then you don't like how it's growing and people coming in and the farms going away. I hate that. I guess is the biggest thing is the farm. Even though we don't farm ourselves, it was always good to know that it was there and some of the bigger families, like the Clarkes and stuff, they still do that and the Agers. But my family came from farmers and they had to move elsewhere to make a living. They couldn't make a living farming anymore. So, I guess that's kind of sad.

RE: What kind of farming did your family do?

DT: Well, my grandfather, he did the cattle and he had big gardens and stuff and he would sell some of his produce.

RE: Did your family do any of that? Like your more immediate family?

DT: No, like I said, it had started to grow and they had to move and they got jobs doing other things, and...

RE: Where did they go?

DT: Like my grandfather?

RE: Your family when they couldn't farm anymore.

DT: Oh, most are just in Asheville.

RE: Just in Asheville.

DT: Local.

SJ: Her mama could bake a good cake.

DT: My mom was... She had a lot of talents. She baked cakes. She could do hair and not at the same time. (laughter) She did a lot of crafts. But decorating cakes was... She really enjoyed doing that. She would cater just small things, just it's like word-of-mouth things. She didn't have a business as such. She did it out of her home. And I would help her with that. And I enjoyed doing that for her. I didn't decorate cakes. It wasn't something I could do, but I could pick up one and carry it.

RE: What keeps you all busy now? You're both retired. What keeps you busy now?

DT: Maintaining the property because, for a lot of it, when we first got together, a lot of this was grown up. It was like trees, like the woods. You go out and the kids go out and play in the woods. We've decided we like to mow grass I think because we have a lot of grass to mow. A lot of trim work and just taking care of, making it look the way we want it to look.

RE: And how much acreage do you guys have now?

PT: Roughly 15 acres.

RE: So, you have a boatload to take care of?

PT: Yeah.

DT: Yes. Luckily, not all of it has to be mowed.

RE: Right, exactly. Wow.

DT: But we've always enjoyed it, but it's getting harder as we're getting older and we're not enjoying it as much as we did. So, it does take a lot of our time doing all of that. But that is his favorite pastimes, is being outside, just doing anything. He'll pick up sticks or whatever just to be outside.

RE: That's great. That's great. You think of anything else we need to ask? Do you think of anything else you want to tell us?

DT: I think I've told every good bit. Everything's pretty... I feel like it's pretty average. Nothing outstanding.

RE: Are you guys always this organized or did you get organized because we were coming? With all of your histories?

PT: Basically, we have a plan for most everything.

RE: That's great. That's great. I mean, you've got the folders for your family, for your family. I mean, that's pretty amazing. What's the photograph here? Is this-

DT: ... This is one that Earl drew or painted. And it is of that old house that he grew up in for the first six years.

RE: Oh, really? How cool.

DT: And...

RE: Wow. Is that true to life? Paul, do you feel like that captures what your home was pretty much?

PT: I can't remember a whole lot about it.

DT: Well, from the pictures it does.

PT: Part of it was actually falling off and this part here was.

DT: Probably that second chimney.

PT: It had its own separate kitchen area with a separate chimney out here. And I don't remember that ever being there. I remember losing a silver dollar through the crack in the floor one time.

DT: We need to get a metal detector out there.

RE: Did you find it?

DT: No, we need to.

PT: No.

RE: Now is this a log cabin?

PT: Yes.

DT: Oh, yeah. This actually, when they stopped living in it, somebody came and took it down and moved it to Gerton.

PT: We have a picture that shows that it's dated May of 1960. So somewhere after that it was taken down and reconstructed in Gerton somewhere.

RE: Now Paul, you lived in this house for the first six years of your life. Do you know when that home was constructed?

PT: Probably about 150 years ago.

RE: 150 years ago when you were like six years old or 150 years-

PT: ... No, from now.

RE: From now. So, it would've been about a hundred years old when you were there.

DT: Probably more than that. You've been saying a hundred and fifty for a long time.

RE: So, it was probably at least a hundred years old when you lived there.

DT: Yeah.

RE: Wow.

DT: Now there was a holly tree. We're thinking this is supposed to be it, that his Aunt Becky planted and it grew and it lived to about the time she passed away was about a hundred years. A hundred and two years.

PT: It was gigantic American Holly that she planted. And like Donna said, it died about the same time she did. So, a hundred and two, also.

RE: Wow. That's amazing.

PT: And the old barn that was close to our brick house, it was taken down and the logs out of it was used for some construction. I don't know where they might have went.

RE: Do you have photographs of your old home?

DT: That's just parts of it. Let me see. I think I have a better one of the one that's got the whole house.

RE: And Earl did this painting, though?

DT: Yes.

PT: Yes.

DT: Now that's when, as they were taking it down or starting to take it down.

PT: Well, I don't think they were taking it down at that time. It was probably the fact that my dad took all the boards off the house to burn for fuel because he knew it would eventually fall on its own. You can notice it's got a wooden roof made out of shakes. And over the years they were starting to leak and all the house was would've fallen apart later on.

RE: Look at that.

DT: And that's the chimney. And we still have that. It's on the property still.

PT: Yeah. We can walk down there and you can take a picture of it.

DT: It's right out that way.

PT: Yeah. I'm the smaller kid there. My older brother, Bill or John.

RE: Oh, these are great.

PT: And I don't think there's a lot of pictures of the house because it was expensive to take pictures, so when you took them it wasn't of a house.

RE: Exactly. Exactly.

DT: That's him.

RE: Oh, look at that. That is just so amazing.

DT: That's the tree right there. The house would be back this way.

RE: Wow. And the chimney is from the old home?

DT: Yes.

PT: Yes.

RE: Wow.

DT: This would be this one part right there.

PT: And he also did a painting that would've represented the Owenby house, which Sandra probably remembers it from up on Emma's Grove. Remember the old Owenby house?

SJ: Oh, yeah. Kind of.

PT: Yeah. He's got a big painting like the...

SJ: That's pretty.

DT: He did. That's the kind of stuff he did.

RE: Now who did that?

DT: This is Earl.

RE: Earl did that too. Now is this the old home too?

DT: No, this is an Owenby home place.

RE: Oh.

PT: It's got a porch. Covered porch.

DT: It's on Emma's Grove. They tore it down. It was part of the historical. Now, how they got permission to tear down, I don't know, but.

PT: They actually constructed it up on Old Gap Creek Road. And then it burnt down about the time they got it put together.

RE: Oh my.

SJ: Oh, that house.

PT: Yeah.

SJ: Yeah. I hated to hear that.

PT: Yeah, that's a shame. We were related to them, also. And like I said, Earl stayed with them.

DT: This is Cane Creek that Earl drew.

PT: Cemetery.

DT: I mean, it's like he just would go look and then he'd just do it from memory.

RE: He says Mary Posey, five years old. First person buried in cemetery. Was she five years old--

SJ: When she died?

RE: When she died? How about that?

PT: And he actually did some work for Emma's Grove, where he actually drew a map of Fairview with different... The houses on it and all. They were using it for a census survey for the church purposes. And it was gigantic. I mean, he drew it in-

SJ: Wonder if it's still over there?

PT: I have no idea where it ended up at.

DT: It's a Cobble reunion, but I'm not real sure where that was.

PT: I have no idea either.

RE: 1930.

DT: Oh, he did the twenties and thirties, and.

RE: So, he's representing that time. He didn't do that in 1930. He's just representing that era.

DT: He probably didn't do it then because I don't think they would look like this if he...

RE: Look at that. He had some talent, didn't he?

PT: Yeah, he was very talented.

RE: Wow.

SJ: Now which one is this?

DT: Which house is this? Paul, do you know?

PT: That looks like the Owenbys' house.

SJ: That's what I thought.

PT: They've got the porch on it.

DT: Yeah.

SJ: I hated to see that thing when it burnt.

PT: Yeah. I hated the fact they moved it, and I know.

SJ: Well, they were at least trying to protect it, though.

DT: Yeah. And that's Emma's Grove Baptist Cemetery.

RE: Now, how long ago did Uncle Earl die?

SJ: Can I... Paul?

DT: Yeah.

SJ: We need to...

DT: You got to go?

SJ: In a little bit. Can I come back one day and scan these?

PT: Oh, yeah.

SJ: Or can we take them to the library and scan them?

DT: Whatever you want to do.

RE: How long ago did Uncle Earl die?

PT: He died shortly after we were married. Somewhere around what? '84? '85?

DT: Yeah, I think so.

RE: Wow.

DT: I probably have it somewhere, but that's the Plemmons Lankford Mountain he drew. Spelled that one wrong, but.

RE: Yeah, you've got a gold mine here for things to share. That's great.

DT: Yeah. I'm glad we're able to share it.

RE: Oh, it's exciting.

SJ: You know what year this was?

DT: No, I don't

SJ: Well, there's the church too.

DT: Yeah, he did several.

PT: Somewhere there's a picture of John F. Kennedy that he painted.

RE: Really?

PT: And looks a lot like him.

DT: It does. And he just did it.

SJ: Y'all not on Facebook. I'm friends with Diane on here.

DT: Are you?

SJ: Do we need to turn that off or?

RE: I was going to say; I think we're finished here. Did you capture numbers?

SJ: I didn't.

RE: I didn't either. But is that it? Stop.

SJ: Stop.

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(2) Color - Remaining Chimney from
the Tate house. The house was moved to
Gerton

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Post house removal - Modern

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Home of Henry Washington Cauble

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B/W TATE house with holly tree

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The TATE house with Holly tree
planted by Aunt Becky Gauble
Gap Creek Area

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B/W Holly Tree with Bill TATE

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EARLY 1950 Bill TATE

GAP Creek area

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Blw Benjamin H. and Maggie McAbee
Owenby

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Newspaper clipping of their
50th wedding anniversary.

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Big Potatoes

Potatoes grow big in the Fair-
w section, at least they do for Ben
Owenby Sr., a farmer for 72 years,

Western Carolina Stockyards. It
only 49 of the big Irish potatoes
fill the basket basket. (Staff Photo)

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B/W newspaper Ben Owenby

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Ben Owenby newspaper clipping
for raising large Irish potatoes
in Fairview NC

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(2) B/W Ben + Maggie Owenby

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Benjamin H. Owenby

Maggie McAbee Owenby

Brush Creek area Fairview NC

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Color Ben Owenby's barn

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Modern picture of Ben Owenby's
barn. Brush Creek area
Fairview NC.

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BlW Ben Owenby with prized bull

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1920 Ben Owenby won a blue ribbon at the State fair

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Owenby Starts Herd Of Registered Herefords

Ben Owenby, a farmer of Fairview township has started a herd of Registered Polled Hereford cattle. Mr. Owenby has dealt in cattle for some years, being active on the Asheville Livestock market. Last week he purchased from the Hickory Nut Gap herd four head of registered Hereford of bullion and foundation breeding. Mr. Owenby plans to increase his pure bred herd from time to time.

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Blw newspaper clipping

Owenby Starts Herd

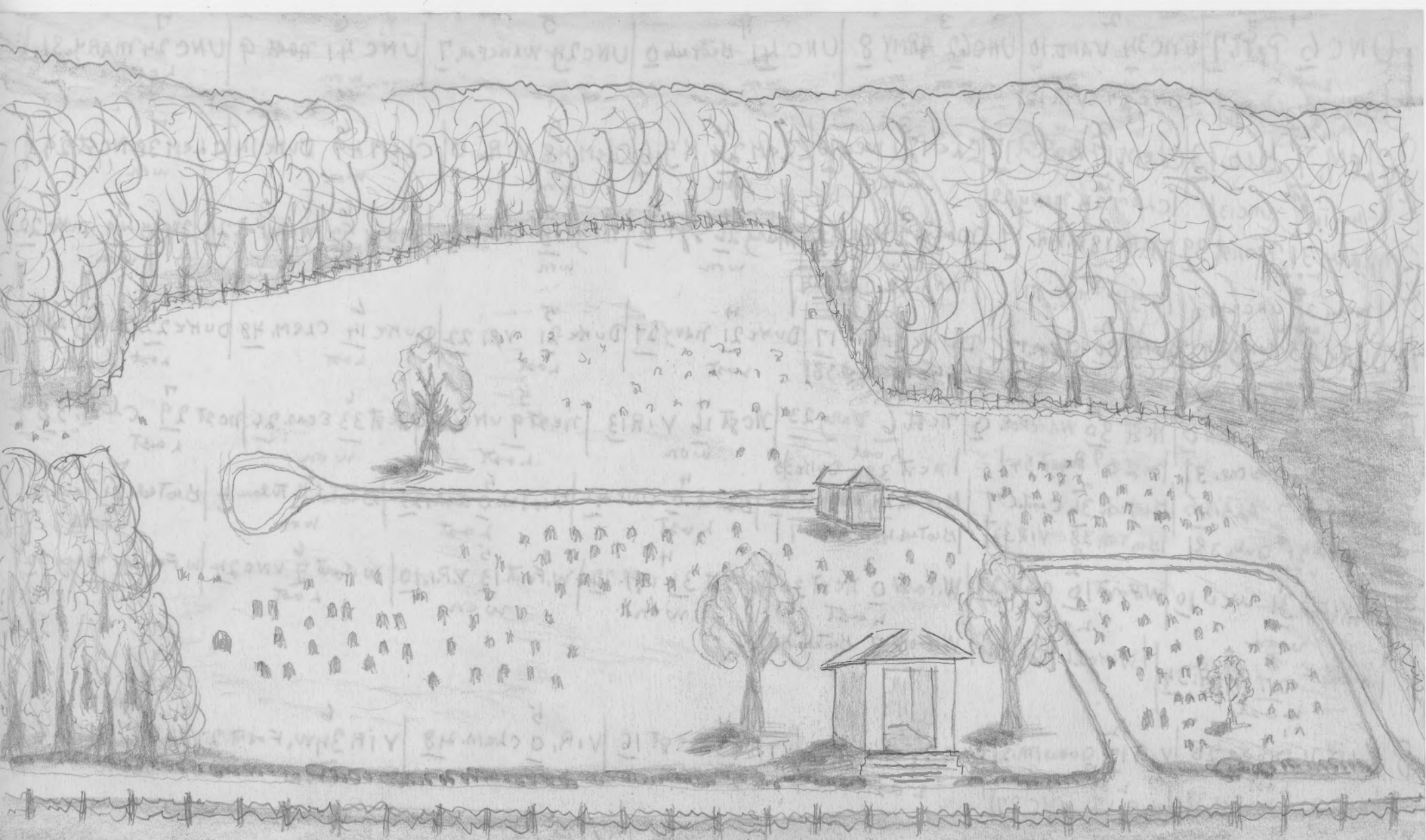
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11/10/38 Asheville Citizen Times

Ben Owenby Starts Herd of
Registered Herefords

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1802
Est.

Cane Creek Cem.
Fairview,
North Carolina.

Mary Posey
5 yrs Old
first Person
BURIED
IN Cem.

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Blw drawing of Cane Creek Cemetery
by Earl Tate

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Pencil drawing of Cane Creek
Cemetery by Earl Tate

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FAIR — TATE GENERATION'S — VIEW

MELVINA STONE MARRIED A TATE HIS FIRST NAME NOT KNOWN AROUND 1850 THEY HAD SEVERAL CHILDREN BUT ONLY 2 OF THEM OR KNOWN JOHN TATE WAS KNOWN TO LIVE IN CINN. OHIO AND THOM TATE THAT LIVED IN FAIRVIEW, N.C. THEY MOVED FROM SOMEWHERE IN GEORGIA MAY HAVE BEEN BERTON, GEO. THOM TATE WAS AROUND 40 YRS OLD WHEN HE DIED FROM A ROCK FALLING ON HIS HEAD WHILE DIGGING A WELL. 2 OR 3 YOUNG DOCTORS WANTED HIS BODY FOR EXPERIMENTAL PURPOSE HAD HIM DUG UP THE NIGHT AFTER HE WAS BURIED. BUT WERE CAUGHT

CANE CREEK CEM —→ THOM TATE AND HELEN AGUSTA LANKFORD —→ CANE CREEK CEM.
 BORN IN THE 1850'S MARRIED IN THE 1870'S

CHILDREN OF
 TOM AND AGUSTA
 879 MAYBELLE MARRIED JOHN MORGAN AROUND 1900
 881 WILLIAM MARRIED AMERICA CAUBLE " 1904
 883 HILLIAN DIED AT 11 YRS OLD
 885 MARGIE MARRIED ELLIS SNYDER " 1906
 887 MELL WAS NOT MARRIED
 889 BESS MARRIED ED ROBERTS " 1908

CHILDREN

RIVERSIDE CEM —→ ASHEVILLE NC
 EMMA GROVE CEM —→ FAIRVIEW NC
 CANE CREEK CEM —→ FAIRVIEW NC
 GREEN HILLS CEM —→ ASHEVILLE NC
 GREEN HILLS CEM —→ ASHEVILLE NC
 CANE CREEK CEM —→ FAIRVIEW NC

CHILDREN OF JOHN AND MAYBELLE MORGAN

EARNEST MARRIED ELHAMER BETTER 2-2
 MAYRENE " ED FOSTER - 5-9
 DWIGHT " ANNA CARSON - 2-2
 HILLIARD " MARY HENDRICKS - 4-8
 LOIS " ABBIE MYERS - 0-0
 GUY " DORTHY CALHAWAY - 5-4
 RUBY " HOMER KNIGHT - 4-3
 AMELIA " BETHA REVIS - 5-6

CHILDREN OF WILLIAM AND AMERICA TATE

MYRTLE
 LOYD
 HOMER MARRIED DOLA JEAN GUINN 5-12
 JOHN " LOUIS REECE 4-0
 THOMAS " BARBARA JOBE 2-4
 HELEN " JAMES M. WALKER 1-0
 EARL 0-0

CHILDREN OF EDWARD AND BESS ROBERTS

EDNA
 THOMAS
 GRAHAM
 DONNY
 JOHNNIE
 POLLY
 BOBBY
 BAR'S
 CHARLES
 KATHYAN

CHILDREN
 OF
 SMITH 3-7
 PHILIPS 4-6
 PONDER 4-3
 PHUMMER 4-6
 DIXON
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GRAND CHILDREN OF TOM AND AGUSTA TATE

Dr. Ernest Brand children

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TATE Generation written by
Earl Tate

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Handwritten Tate Generation
and story of Tom Tate by Earl Tate

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Painting of Emma's Grove Church
by Earl Tate

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Painting of Emma's Grove Baptist
Church Fairview, NC by Earl Tate

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